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**PATENT**

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Dear Sir:

This is In responsive to the Final Office Action mailed October 6, 2004. Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments and reconsideration of the Application.

The **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.